

Introduced by Senator Figueroa

February 24, 2006

An act relating to postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1819, as introduced, Figueroa. Postsecondary education: college textbooks.

Existing law establishes the system of postsecondary education in this state, which consists of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, the University of California, and independent institutions of higher education.

Existing law expresses a finding and declaration of the Legislature that the production and pricing of college textbooks deserves a high level of attention from educators and lawmakers because they impact the quality and affordability of higher education. Existing law urges textbook publishers to provide specified information about their products to students and faculty.

Existing law requires the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, and requests the Regents of the University of California, to take specified actions aimed at reducing the prices that students currently pay for textbooks. Existing law expresses the intent of the Legislature to encourage private colleges and universities to work with their respective academic senates and to encourage faculty to consider practices in selecting textbooks that will result in the lowest costs to students.

This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact additional legislation related to college textbooks.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 2 additional legislation related to college textbooks.

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